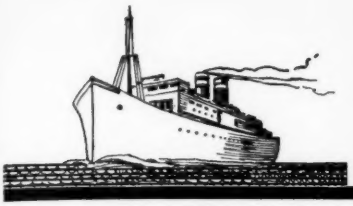

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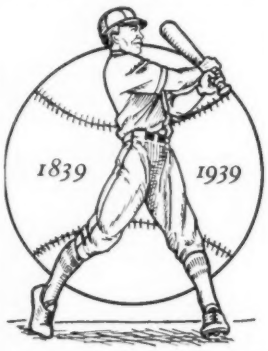

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The 4c Pan-American Design

IN THE Dec. 24th issue in our U. S. Notes column we answered as far as possible the request of one of our readers for details of the auto and persons shown on the 4c 1901 Pan-American Exposition commemorative stamp. A short time later came a letter from Edwin S. Hege of Washington, D. C., which contained the following interesting statement:

"Sometime in the year 1900 my father, Samuel B. Hege, then Division Passenger Agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, persuaded the company to purchase a number of electric-powered vehicles from the Anderson Electric Vehicle Company of Anderson, Indiana, for a de luxe service between hotels in Washington, D. C., and the company depot, then at New Jersey Avenue and C Street, N. W. A short time in advance of the delivery of the vehicles by the factory my father was lunching with his warm friend, Mr. Perry S. Heath, then First Assistant Postmaster General. In the course of the luncheon Mr. Heath indicated he had in mind a series of Pan-American Exposition stamps emblematic of transportation, and asked for suggestions, and the vehicles then on order were suggested. When the vehicles arrived my father went in one of them with a general officer of the railroad to the east side of the Capitol, where the vehicle was photographed, my father being clearly recognizable at the near window while his superior sat out of sight through a desire to have the procuring of the vehicles credited to the activity of my father. I have the original photograph. The man on the box beside the driver had the job of opening and closing vehicle doors and helping vehicle occupants with baggage, the driver's sole duty being to look after the vehicle. The photograph was later loaned to Mr. Heath, a die or engraving made therefrom to print the stamps and I have one of the stamps that came off the press *inverted*. My father died in 1929."

Mr. Hege states further that he never heard his father mention the identity of the two men on the box, though he surmises that one very probably was a factory demonstrator and the other a railroad employee being trained to drive the machines. The electric automobile was then a new item in transportation, the manufacturing company having since gone out of business, through merger.

The stamp Mr. Hege has is one of the copies with center inverted, which were printed to the order of Third Assistant Postmaster General Edwin C. Madden after a report had reached officials that this stamp had been found with center inverted. Two full sheets of 200 each were printed with center inverted. The first report was later found to be untrue,

but in the meantime Mr. Madden had proceeded with the distribution of the deliberate inverts. One pane of 100 went to the National Museum collection and 97 of these were exchanged for stamps needed for the collection. Madden gave 106 copies to friends and officials and the remaining 194 were destroyed. About half the copies so presented were overprinted "Specimen."

It is interesting to note that at the same time that the sheets of 4c were printed with center inverted, that Mr. Madden had sheets of higher values of the series also prepared—just in case these, too, should be found in post office stocks in this condition. None were found and the furor over his having distributed the 4c caused officials to destroy all of these higher values and none exist today. President Theodore Roosevelt had the whole matter thoroughly investigated after charges had been made paralleling those made in 1934-35.

To be entirely accurate these inverts are not inverted centers, but actually inverted frames. The black portion of the design is printed first, then the color, consequently it was the frames that were inverted. The black is printed first as the dampening of the paper for the second printing would not affect black ink as much as it would likely affect colored inks. However, custom has decreed that such errors be termed inverted centers regardless of which portion of the design was actually inverted in printing.

Baseball Stamp Design

Official description of the design of the Centennial of Baseball Commemorative Stamp was given in full in a notice to postal employees dated May 15. The stamp will, as announced before, be issued June 12 at Cooperstown, N. Y., and at other post offices on the following day or as soon thereafter as possible. It will be purple, same size as the other large size commemoratives recently issued, arranged horizontally. Printed in sheets of 200, by the rotary process, it will be issued at post offices in panes of 50 perforated all around. The description of design is as follows:

"The central subject depicts a game of baseball by a group of youthful players. In the background are a house, barn, schoolhouse, and church. Beneath the central subject in a narrow white panel is the wording "Centennial of Baseball" in dark gothic. In a wider panel with dark ground at the lower edge of the stamp is the inscription "United States Postage" in white gothic. In an upright panel with dark ground at the left are crossed bats, over which are superimposed at the center a catcher's mitt and ball, surrounded by laurel sprays. Between the ends of the bats are the dates, "1839" at the top and "1939" below, in white. At the base of the panel, in white lettering, is a large numeral "3" with the word "Cents" below."

The usual rules apply to those wishing to send first day covers. Covers must be no smaller than 3x6 inches, be sealed and addressed to sender or any other address desired, and marked lightly in pencil in the upper right corner to show the number of stamps to be affixed to each. The postmaster will accept no more than ten covers from any one person and will not accept remittances made other than by cash or money order. He also cannot accept mail orders for unused stamps to be returned with covers. All such orders for uncanceled stamps must be sent to the Philatelic Agency.

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In order to receive the "Royal Train R. P. O." postmark, covers must be fully prepaid at the ordinary rate of postage. Unpaid and insufficiently prepaid covers will be treated in accordance with the regulations.

Residents of countries where United States postage stamps are not available may submit the covers with money order or bank draft payable to the Second Assistant Postmaster General, to cover the required postage from Washington, D. C., to destination. No covers will be accepted after 12 noon, June 9th.

Costa Rican Imperfs

The Costa Rican Government is taking steps to recover from the stamp market imperforate specimens of the Cocos Island stamps of 1936 (first design). Perkins, Bacon & Co., printers of the issue, are no longer in business and all their effects were sold, which included presumably the plates or dies of these stamps and trial sheets as well as unfinished sheets. The government has demanded the plates on the ground these are its property.

• France receives about 300,000 francs (approximately $8,000) per annum for the advertising concession on stamp booklet covers. The concessionaire supplies the covers as well. Further sums are obtained from others forms of advertising.

• The walls of the office of the New York dealer, E. W. Weidenreich, are now decorated with stamp murals.

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Photo Released of Baseball Centennial Stamp Design

Illustrated from a photo of the design is the Baseball Centennial stamp. Details of the first day plans etc. will be found on page 475.

Mexican Issue To Be Raffled

The Mexican government at last reports was, despite a huge volume of protests, going ahead with its plan to issue 400 copies of the Sarabia flight speculative stamp by means of a raffle. No stamps were otherwise to be available except through Pilot Sarabia at his price. The government rushed through the decree and planned to use the equipment of the Mexican national lottery to hold the raffle. Any person could enter their name in the drawing, stamp collector or not, and it was expected that many would submit a number under various names. The issue faces a virtual boycott in Philatelic circles.

One dealer, who was to handle the sale of the pilot's portion of the issue, tried to have the President of the Associacion de Filatelistas Mexicanos arrested because of the society's efforts to suppress the scheme. A judge threw the charges out of court.

• Arrangements have been made by the Newark Philatelic Society (N. J.) for a "social meet" of stamp clubs of the vicinity, June 6 at Harry's Tavern, Fabian Place. The collectors will meet first at the club room at the Y. M. H. A. Building.

• On Hitler's birthday, the German postal service used special pictorial postmarks at his birthplace, Berlin, Munich, Nurnberg, and in each of the districts added by him to the reich. These last were inscribed "German is the Saar," "German is Memelland," etc.

Luff Memorial Room

Dedicated to the memory of one of Philately's greatest students, the late John N. Luff, on Wednesday, May 17, the Collectors Club of New York City formally opened the Luff Room. The room contains modern scientific equipment designed for philatelic research, a gift to the club from Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Clark, President and Vice-President of Scott Publications, Inc., and for many years associated with Mr. Luff in the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.

Mr. Luff had been a charter member, president, and honorary life governor of the club. The room is intended to carry out his type of study of stamps. Equipment includes a special camera, binocular microscope, a microscope capable of measuring stamps or portions of them to 1/1000 inch accuracy, other magnifiers and a reading glass for studying full sheets; a paper thickness gauge which can measure by ten-thousandths of an inch; and a mercury vapor lamp for use of ultra-violet rays.

• Belgian Parcel Post stamps at first had small pieces torn out of them by order of the Director-General of Posts to prevent re-use. The order was later rescinded but the parcel tags bearing the stamps were retained by the postal administration and sold at auction as waste paper to paper makers.

• Idaho now has a Sunbeam 24 hours per day. That's the name of its newest post office.

• A bisected copy of the 2d blue, companion issue to the famous Penny Black, brought $650 at a recent sale.

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NEW PRICE LISTS

The first week of May came A. E. Pade's Summer Catalog No. 13. The list gives full details of his numerous mixtures (119 of them!), as well as a price list of single stamps of Scandinavian countries and Christmas Seals, and a few other countries. Mr. Pade operates a retail store in Denver and it might be a good place to stop for a few minutes on your way to the San Francisco Fair. Copies of the list may be obtained upon request of him at 1639 Stout St., Denver, Colo.

From Adolph Klingenstein, Manager of the Rialto Stamp Co., comes the new price list of foreign single stamps forecast for the past several weeks in their ads. A copy may of course be obtained by writing them at 109 W. 42nd St., New York City. Some 42 pages, 6x9 are devoted to the listings which cover a wide range of countries and issues. Prices are based upon costs, Mr. Klingenstein says, and not upon catalogue prices.

Jack Schildhouse, 30 Colonial Arcade, Cleveland, Ohio, has just issued a large list of sets at bargain prices. A copy free to anyone. Incidentally, Jack carries Linprint Philatelic Products at his store and is always glad to show them.

Ben L. Morris, Box 179, Bellaire, O., who specializes in seals and state revenues, has issued his fifth annual checklist of Christmas Seals of the world. The checklist of foreign seals is brief but comprehensive. Price 10c, though this is credited customers.

Wholesale 20th Century Mint Sets are the hundreds of offerings in Elliott Walton's latest list, No. 23, dated April, 1939. Copy may be obtained by any dealer by writing him at 80 Nassau St., New York City.

His 1939 Philatelic Catalog and Note Book arrived from K. E. W. Stuart of Chagrin Falls, Ohio. The pocket-size booklet lists all manner of accessories including LINPRINT products, and even a listing of philatelic periodicals.

RESEARCH LABORATORY

Y. Souren is President and Harold D. Ellsworth is Vice-President of the newly formed Philatelic Research Laboratories, Inc., which will be located at 394 Park Ave., New York City. Mr. Souren financed the forming of this firm and equipping it with latest devices for scientific study of stamps. Mr. Ellsworth, not a phiatelist, is reputed to be one of America's foremost experts in scientific art research. It is planned to expertise stamps by means of all the latest machinery and Mr. Ellsworth will apply the methods used in investigating pictures, bronzes, etc., to detect repairs and frauds.

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Australian Special Airmail

For use on mail carried on a survey flight expected to start in June to survey the route from Australia across the Indian Ocean to Mombasa, East Africa, the Australian government is planning to issue a special 5/- stamp.

FIRST DAY CALENDAR

3c Baseball Centennial, June 12 at Cooperstown, N. Y., large horizontally arranged design.

3c 25th Anniversary of Panama Canal, first day of sale August 15 at a point not yet decided.

• Georgia's Fannin County loses the post office of SWEETGUM on May 31.

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R. P. O. NOTES

A fairly accurate presentation of operation of an early Railway Post Office is given in the movie "Union Pacific." Most of the action centers around the small wooden mail car where Barbara Stanwyck combines the duties of postmaster with those of a proprietor of a lunch counter. One scene shows her postmarking letters with a cancelling stamp of the type used in the late '60s. Postmarks are known to exist on mail from early Union Pacific trains, generally on the 1869 issue stamps. These are inscribed simply "Union Pacific R. R." or "U. P. R. R." with date in center, the killer being usual cork type. Since the postmarks do not bear the year date on specimens known, it is not known how early they were used, particularly during the days of construction, but considering the thousands of men at work during that time, means of handling mail such as shown in the picture were necessary.

RPO fans will see much of interest in the picture "Dodge City." ere too much of the action centers around the 1872 vintage passenger train which winds up with a gun battle in the baggage car, during which the Route Agent is killed. The scenes are very accurate as to equipment used, but alas the agent was shown only sorting mail and not using his canceller. In addition to burning up car and mail, the sheriff used a sack holder to handcuff his prisoner in a comfortable position — something not provided for in present day postal laws! A little research by some interested collector should soon determine what Route was depicted, and then try to find a marking of it.

Apparently the Canadian Post Office Dept. was not counting on the arrival of the King and Queen being delayed, for covers from the Royal Train post office came through postmarked May 15, the day on which they had been scheduled to land, though actually they did not arrive until the 17th. Possibly the covers had been cancelled before the date. The cancel is simply inscribed in the circle "ROYAL TRAIN—CANADA" with date in center and the flag portion being a representation of the Royal Standard. This was the machine cancel. The hand cancel is a double-lined circle without a killer, maple leaves being used as ornaments between name and date.

If you missed Wm. Koelln's offer to mail April 30 first day of operation covers from the New York's World's Fair RPO, you can obtain later dates by sending covers ready-to-go to the Clerk in Charge, New York World's Fair RPO, Flushing, N. Y. George G. Surnburger, Supt., R. M. S., New York City, announced that the car would be open for inspection for the duration of the fair. It will be completely equipped, and clerks will demonstrate the operation of an RPO. Will be located in a mail car in the Railroad Section of the Fair grounds. Stamps will be sold at the car and covers and cards may be mailed by visitors to obtain the postmark. So if you are a collector of RPO's, here's your chance to see one in operation.

Placerville & Sacramento RPO, one of the oldest routes in California, quit on Jan. 28 and covers from the last trip are at hand from Earle Moore and Bob Parkinson.

You can count on RPO collectors to have their first days with RPO cancels. Bob Parkinson got out two on the first day of the new Golden Gate stamp, one cover having Ogden & San Francisco and the other that of the transfer clerk at Oakland Pier, Calif. Different!

The Scribner & Oakdale RPO was discontinued recently with last day cover dated April 15, received from Capt. Norman D. King of Cheyenne, Wyo. The reason for discontinuance was the daily passenger train which carried this office on the Chicago & Northwestern Ry., was discontinued on that date. This office will be replaced by the Norfolk and Columbus RPO, which will cover part of the former route. It might be well to note now that there already is a Columbus & Norfolk RPO. The latter operates between the Virginia and Ohio cities; while the new office is in Nebraska.

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Editor's Notebook

EXPERTISING Ever since there were stamp collectors the expertising of stamps has generally been on a basis of personal knowledge and opinions given were often no more than just personal opinions not based on scientific examination or principles. Several months ago, Y. Souren devoted a page to discussion of the subject and if you haven't read it, then it will pay you to look it up, for it contains some elemental and frequently ignored truths in connection with expertisation.

Instances of conflict of opinion of so-called "experts" are not rare. We recall one experience of our own where we had purchased at the post office two stamped airmail envelopes on which the red and blue border had been omitted. Not important errors in any event, though interesting. A man supposed to be a leading envelope authority was sent one of these for recording and not only pronounced it fake but was so certain of this opinion that he wrote in ink upon the envelope that the border had been "removed by ink eradicator." Later, after thorough examination by a chemist who knew papers and inks as few people do, it was pronounced a genuine error. Which just goes to show how opinion, based only upon personal experience and not upon scientific knowledge can be wrong. Most important, it shows how little the opinions of experts are really worth.

But times and methods are changing and the expertising of stamps is being put on a laboratory basis. Instruments whose accuracy is unquestioned are being devised and adopted for this purpose. In the hands of capable men, unfettered by faulty knowledge, they are capable of rendering *decisions* as in contrast to *opinions* of experts who must rely on memory and just what the eye can see. In the mail the other week came the announcement of a new establishment to be known as Philatelic Research Laboratories, Inc., with the sole purpose of applying scientific principles by means of accurate instruments to the study of stamps and determining their status. A few days after that came notice of the opening of the Luff memorial room at the Collectors Club with equipment of the same nature and for practically the same purposes. Which indicates that philately is taking another progressive step to the lasting benefit of the hobby. It is possible now for any collector to have the true character of his doubtful stamps determined beyond any doubt and Mr. Souren as president of the new firm has done his part in establishing this reform; just as Mr. and Mrs. Clark have put at the service of the student the instruments to further their study with a minimum of guesswork.

—R. R.

Perfs and Imperfs

POLAND MIGHT BE FEUDING with Germany but it apparently hopes to keep it from its postage stamps. The 15 groszy 1938 Independence commem has now appeared with scroll work replacing the symbols of the Teutonic knights at the feet of the medieval Polish King and Queen.

IT PAYS TO STOCK UP ON STAMPS in some countries. In Hatay from March 15, stamps were sold at face value in Turkish Kurus (piastre) instead of Syrian piastres, increasing their cost about 50%.

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To The Editor:

I always thought that if you are a dyed in the wool stamp collector; not a cut and dried automaton that follows in the footsteps of any popular phase of our hobby that happens to strike one's fancy, but instead branch out for yourself, in new and untried fields of philatelic endeavour, one can never lose interest in our hobby. At the Second Bipex I took Second Award for my exhibit of centered steel die postmarks on stamps. Same to my knowledge having never been exhibited before. It seems to me that with a little searching around a collector can start himsef off on the trail of something new in philately and it doesn't necessarily have to be expensive.

Being bedridden with a pedatory neuritic complaint, to occupy myself I have gone through 25 lbs. of cheap U. S. mixture. I found the following Slogan with steel die postmarks from the following cities. Would appreciate hearing from anybody with additional places of cancellation as I'm trying to get together a check list. I'm certainly grateful to philately. I don't know what I would have done since March 28, 1938, to date without it.

I have the Silver Jubilee Parcel Post Slogans with numbers as follows after town name in circle: Atlanta 5; Chicago 22, 23; Boston 3, 5; Detroit 2; Minneapolis 2; Saint Paul 2; Saint Louis 9; New York City 3, 5; Cleveland 3; Philadelphia 3, 5; Seattle Wash., Terminal Annex.

JOSEPH JOSSELSON.

Calendar Of Annual Events

Austin, Texas—Forty-third Annual Convention of the Texas Philatelic Assn. at Stephen F. Austin Hotel, June 9-10-11.

Cleveland, O.—Tenth Anniversary Bourse and Banquet of the Cleveland Air Mail Society, Hotel Carter, June 10-11.

Spokane, Wash.—Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition sponsored by the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs June 16, 17 and 18 at the Welch Bldg.

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10c 1898 Issue	8c	2c 1869 Issue	40c
5c Columbian	5c	3c 1869 Issue	4c
5c Jamestown	70c	4c Omaha	35c
3c 1851 Issue	8c	2c Alaska unus.	17c
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The Postage Stamp Parade

A Record of New Issues and New Discoveries

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FRANCE — Clemenceau Commemorative. Engraved, usual horizontal rectangular format, perf. 13, unwmkd. Pictures the battleship, and portrait of George E. Clemenceau. Numerals of value in upper right corner:

90c. ultramarine

New York World's Fair Commemorative. Same format as above, perf. 13, unwmkd., engraved. Central motif is the French Building at the Fair, with the statue of liberty in the lower left corner and numerals of value in the upper right:

2.25 fr. ultramarine

Centenary of Photography Commemorative. Same format as above. Engraved, unwmkd., perf. 13. Numerals of value in lower right corner. Central design shows the scene accompanying the announcement of the discovery of photography January 7, 1839:

2.25fr. steel blue

Semi-Postal. To aid the orphans of the Postal, Telephone and Telegraph employees. Central portion shows new building of the Ministry of Posts. Numerals of value in upper right corner:

90c. plus 35c. greenish-blue

Semi-Postal. Aid for children of the unemployed. Upright rectangular format, engraved perf. 13:

90c. plus 35c. carmine

(Morris Jacobowitz)
(L. A. Russell)

Note: In our chronicle of May 6th., Cezanne Commemorative and the Engineers semi-postal was listed under France, Office In Morocco, through an error in the composing room. These two stamps should have appeared under the heading, France.

GERMANY — Semi-Postal Commemorative. Garden Exhibition, Stuttgart. Upright, rectangular format, unwmkd., perf. 12½. Photogravure:

6pf. plus 4pf. green (Pent House)
15pf. " 5pf. red-purple (same)

(Morris Jacobowitz)

Semi-Postal Commemorative. Portrait of Hitler and his birthplace, Braunau. Upright rectangular format 27½ x 33mm., engraved, unwmkd., perf. 14:

12pf. plus 38pf. carmine-red

(R. Roberts)

ICELAND—New York's World Fair Commemoratives. These were illustrated in Gimbels' advertisement on the back page of our issue dated May 6th. All are upright rectangular format, line engraved:

20a. carmine (Trylon & Perisphere)
35a. deep ultramarine (Viking Ship and part of Globe)
45a. deep green (Statue of Thorfinnur Karlsefni)

(L. A. Russell)

JAPAN—Regular Issue. Another pictorial value to go with others in the set previously noted. Wmkd. Scott's type 239, perf. 13 x 13½:

30s. light blue (gateway)

Also another value in the regular series, perf. 13 x 13½ wmkd. same as above:

A35 — 25s. olive

(Karl Lewis)

LEEWARD ISLANDS—All stamps of King Edward VII have been demonetised for this Colony.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

MEXICO—New York World's Fair Issue. 10c. is horizontal, rest are vertical rectangular format. Wmkd. "Correos Mexico," perf. 10 x 10½:

10c. dark blue-green (building)
20c. light green (monument)
40c. red-violet (same as 20c.)
1P. brown & red (same as 20c.)

(L. A. Russell)

NETHERLANDS — New Color. Unwmkd., perf. 13½ x 12½:

A23 — 22½c. red-orange

(L. A. Russell)

NEW GUINEA — Air Mail Stamps. Large horizontal format, engraved, perf. 11:

AP1— ½d. orange
" — 1d. green
" —1½d. purple
" — 2d. vermilion
" — 3d. blue
" — 4d. olive
" — 5d. myrtle-green
" — 6d. olive bistre
" — 9d. violet
" — 1s. pale green
" — 2s. claret
" — 5s. olive
" — 10s. rose
" — 1P. gray-green

(R. Roberts)

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—Perak. Portrait of Sultan Iskandar. Small normal format, script wmkd., typographed, perf. 14:

A15—1c. black

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121- 6	.07	238- 40	.05
131- 3	.10	241- 5	.55
149- 59	1.35	A1-5	.35
162- 72	.75	SD2-6	.80
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It is claimed that while Karlsefni was living in America, a daughter was born to his wife, thus being the first white child born in America if history could substantiate this. If accepted as fact, then the 5c Virginia Dare U. S. stamp was an error as this was intended to commemorate the birth of the first white child in America, supposed to have taken place in 1537.

The 35 aur of the Iceland set depicts a plaque on the monument in Iceland to Leif Ericsson, while the 20 aur simply shows the Trylon and Perisphere, theme center of the Fair.

The stamps were placed on sale May 1st, Gimbels Stamp Department being appointed sole agents as distributors in this country. Third Assistant Postmaster General Ramsey S. Black, bought the first of the stamps from Iceland's Commissioner General at the Fair, Vilhjalmur Thor, in a little ceremony in Gimbels presided over by Ellis A. Gimbel, Jr.

The New York World's Fair is the first in which Iceland has ever taken part. A kingdom, the country is equipped with one of the oldest democratic-type forms of government in the world. It's parliament first held sessions in the year 930 A. D. Prior to 1918 the land was a colony of Denmark, but in that year declared it's complete independence, acknowledging as its only connection that King Christian X of Denmark was king also of Iceland.

• Only ten copies are believed to exist of the last stamp listed in Scott's under Persia, the 1 chahi on 5 chahi Occupation of Bushire issue.

• Air mail stamps of Venezuela perforated "G. N." are for use by the government only, the initials signifying "Gobierno Nacionales."

• Though there was no necessity for doing so, Nazis in Memel overprinted some Lithuanian stamps following the German seizure, "Memel Ist Frei."

School Forms Collection

What is believed to be the first stamp collection formed by a grammar school has been begun by the Newport Beach (Calif.) elementary school. Arrangements have been made to perpetuate and enlarge the collection over a fifteen-year period, with the entire collection to be held in trust during that time. Trustees will be George E. Higgins, President of the Coast Philatelic Club, Bill Bloss, Stamp Editor of the Times and the school principal, H. O. Ensign. Students are already making a study of stamp collecting in classes under E. R. Merrifield.

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U. S. STOCK IN ENVELOPES

Here is a small stock of U. S. stamps that should be good property for any small dealer who needs variety. The stamps are all sorted, each kind in a separate envelope. There are 214 varieties starting with Number 210 and running up to the U. S. Possessions issues. Also some air mail, dues, including $1 and $5 of current set and a few lots of revenues. Of most of the varieties there are less than 100 stamps, of some only a few copies. I have a complete list of this lot of material, showing quantity of each stamp, catalog number and total value. The condition is good to fine.

I shall be glad to submit this list to anyone who cares to consider the purchase of the lot as a whole and will consider your offer for same. My sole object is to get rid of my surplus stamps as I am not a dealer and want to clean up all the accumulations I have. This lot of material will catalogue over $670.00.

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LINE PAIRS

As you get the new Presidential coils you can not help but note how fine the line is in the line pairs. I have heard several complaints on this score, collectors claiming they passed out their line pairs thinking they were plain. At any rate in handling the new coils it will be well to scrutinize your pairs in a good light before disposing of them, for I don't imagine it will do any good to register a complaint to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving for bigger and better guide lines. Thin lines are more economical.

NUMBER 21

In less than two weeks the P. S. S. board of directors acted upon the application of The Central Ohio Precancel Club and granted charter number 21. You collectors within reasonable reach of Columbus are passing up some good times in not attending the Club meetings. The third Sunday in each month has been definitely set as the regular meeting time. 1:30 P. M. Virginia Hotel.

NOTES

The ESCEEPEECEE used the 1c San Pedro coil on its May issue.—*The Boston Bull* dropped around the other day with a 1c Pres. from Millas Mass. U-122. —There are some new Electric Eye markings to look for. Details later.—Hot double line. 14c Pres. Atlanta, Ga. U-15. —Some other Presidentials, 1½c Macomb. Ill. U-122; 1c Panora Iowa U-122. —I'll bet Hoovers hate it that they ever started the denomination collection fad. It's a pain to dealers, although a lot of fun for collectors.

AUCTION CALENDAR

June 2—Second "High Hat" sale. Mint Sheet Brokerage Co., 414 Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, O.

June 5—Mail Sale. McIntyre Stamp Co., 3332 3rd Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

June 5—U. S., Wholesale, Foreign Airs. M. Amiel, Box 1903, St. Petersburg, Fla.

June 7—U. S., Foreign. Georges Creed, 5925 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.

June 13-16—232nd Public Auction. M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

June 14—237th Auction. Max F. Bier Co., P. O. Box 14, Staten Island, New York.

• On April 29, the post office of RED BARN, Texas was discontinued but about the same time a postoffice in Nevada was established having the name of RED HOUSE.

• Slovakia issued its first stamps, ten in all, on March 22, at Bratislava, the capital, all being overprints on Czech stamps.

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• The monument to the Universal Postal Union at Berne, Switzerland, was unveiled on October 4, 1909, with two special postal cards being issued as commemoratives.

• Posing as the sister of the President of Chile, a Chilean collector has been detained because in his correspondence he used the lady's picture as an aid to his transactions.

Brazilian Error Discovered

A used copy of the issue of 1933 as illustrated has been discovered and reported in Brazil Philatelico with double impres-

sion. The second impression is somewhat fainter but is readily noticeable in the slogan "FE E ENERGIA" at foot of the design. It was not stated whether the error was of the dark red or the much commoner dark violet printing, but since these stamps are fairly plentiful collectors may find other copies.

• Mails between many of the small islands and isolated ports of the West Indies are still carried on irregular schedule by small sailing vessels.

• Portuguese Colonial post offices are sometimes important offices. The new one at Beira, Mozambique, cost about $100,000.

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BROADWAY CHATTER

BY BISTANDER

New York had a little extra activity this week, when the stately halls and statelier methods of Congress were abandoned temporarily on Saturday of this week, when a "runaway" group of representatives opened hearings in the Hotel New Yorker, on a new stamp issue. Known as the Runaway House Subcommittee on Post Roads and Post-offices, the group is supporting a bill introduced by Congressman Lex Green of Florida which provides that a commemorative stamp, honoring the arts, be issued in the near future. From the ranks of music to support the measure came Andre Kostelanetz, orchestra leader and husband of Lily Pons, opera singer. Speaking for Lawrence Tibbett, baritone, and Deems Taylor, composer and commentator, as well as for himself, Mr. Kostalanetz urged before the committee, that Stephen Foster, noted American composer, be the first to be honored by a special stamp. Mr. Kostalanetz's testimony, as well as the remarks of a few others were broadcast locally. After the broadcast the members of the subcommittee, must have been favorable to such a proposal, for they joined Mr. Kostelanetz in singing many of Stephen Foster's compositions.

At the beginning of the week a new issue was received from Danzig. This issue honors famous men of science and also proclaims to the world "War against Cancer—Cancer is curable." A noble thought, but the entire issue was sold out on the day of issue in Danzig. Yes, a noble thought, but, alas, the stamp collectors are going to pay for the thought. Very few sets reached our shores, and the wholesalers who handled them were sold out on the same day they arrived. The set will be the subject of much interest, as one wonders will this be the last set issued by the "Free City of Danzig"?

While on the subject of limited issues, let me quote from a report sent out by the Mexican postal authorities. "The entire printing of the Will Rogers set which is to appear on May 16, is sold out and we cannot accept any more orders. We are diminishing the quantities ordered by dealers in order to satisfy everyone. At present no further printing order will be given." Nice going neighbors. The Mexico New York World Fair set also proved to be a limited issue. No wholesaler in New York is known to have any left. Rumor has it that one of New York's wholesalers, kept his entire supply intact; told all of his customers sorry none left. It seems that he is waiting for the price rise before offering them for sale. However, someone asked him "what is that package in your safe with all the World's Fair stamps on the cover?" The answer was that he closed the safe.

It seems a shame that Mexico in honoring a great American couldn't follow Nicaragua's example in being sure that all who want a set will get a set. Nicaragua, so far has had the American Bank Note Company print 2½ million sets. They have reported a sale of over 2 million, and will deliver to anyone as many as they want.

Well the Clemenceau stamp has really disappeared from New York. At present there are less than 100 stamps for sale in the city. There are more than that in the city; but I said for sale. The wise boys have gone from dealer to dealer buying up all available stamps, and they have paid the dealers whatever price they have asked. I hope they take a licking. The French Government has been petitioned to reprint 250,000 of these stamps.

It seems that the German Government decided to get on the bandwagon of having limited issues. They recently issued a set of 2 stamps in honor of the workers of the Reich. The set, however, was on sale for only 6 days, and is now selling in Germany for the equivalent of 30c in American money. The set was sold by most of the dealers for 6 or 7c, no one figured that they would have any trouble getting more stamps. But, alas, the New York dealers find the cupboard bare. The above are just a few of the headaches dealers in New Issues have.

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Borneo Not So Wild

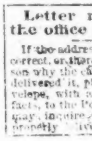
If you've formed your opinions of Borneo from its famous wild men of sideshows and from the jungle-like scenes on its stamps, then Ken of the *KenMore Kollector* says you are in for a surprise. North Borneo is owned by the British North Borneo Co. which issues its own money and stamps and is directed by a Board of Directors 11,000 miles away in London. The capital is Sandakan, not a jungle town, but a thriving city in a tropical setting; replete with traffic cops, movies, banks and clubs where a dress suit is the proper outfit. Ken says a wild man is encountered as often in its streets as an Indian in Times Square. Chief export is oil (the stamp business once so prosperous in the '90s has now become of minor importance) and the export of orang-outangs became such an undesirable trade that an export duty of $500 per monkey has about stopped business in them. The country in addition to the most colorful stamps has about the biggest crocodiles in the world and plenty of particularly large snakes. The natives have some strange customs, among them celebrating at funerals instead of turning on the water-works. Borneo just issued in January its first new regular postage stamp designs since 1909.

• The only reason Persia (Iran) didn't have more speculative issues prior to 1925 during the reign of Shah Ahmed, was that the Director of Posts and Telegraphs, a Frenchman named Camille Molitor, even threatened to resign to prevent the putting into effect of speculative schemes. M. Molitor punished clerks whose carelessness resulted in errors reaching the public.

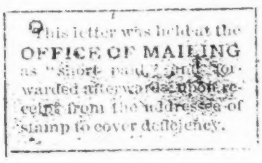
Mystery Postal Labels

Illustrated herewith are three perforated and gummed labels which Mr. Linn found among some miscellaneous stamps laid aside for years. Nothing is known of their history or manner of use. All three have two important similarities, their size and their having been set in type in identical manner. The vertical ruled lines are continuous on all and the horizontal ones are broken by them.

That the Post Office Dept. itself may have made these seals and issued them to postoffices is indicated by the one headed "Post Office Department." Sec. 443 in the present Postal Laws and


Letter returned to the office by Carrier.

If the address on this letter is correct, or there is any other reason why the carrier should have delivered it, please send this envelope, with a statement of the facts, to the Postmaster, at at he may inquire why it was not promptly delivered.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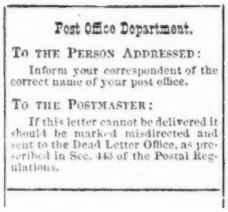
Post Office Department.

TO THE PERSON ADDRESSED:

Inform your correspondent of the correct name of your post office.

TO THE POSTMASTER:

If this letter cannot be delivered it should be marked misdirected and sent to the Dead Letter Office, as prescribed in Sec. 443 of the Postal Regulations.

Regulations evidently is not the one to which it refers, so it appears that it was issued quite a few years ago. Note that each label is for a different type of use. The top one was to check upon improper return of mail which should have been delivered. The second one obviously was to inform recipient of mail why that piece of mail was delayed. The third one was evidently for letters improperly addressed and which were expected to reach the addressee by reason of address being corrected by post office; or was placed upon letters which the postoffice at point of mailing felt were not likely to be deliverable.

All three are perforated 12 all around, a gauge in use on postage stamps from 1861 to 1914. Unfortunately even this is of no help as this is the gauge standard in machines used in printshops throughout the country. The paper on all three is a heavy laid paper, indicating all three were produced at the same place. Probably these, if issued by the Dept. itself, rather than some postmaster, were printed at the Government Printing Office at Washington. Who knows? Who has seen these labels used?

Philatelic Labels

Precancel Stamp Society

1—Souvenir sheet, 7th annual P. S. S. Convention, Kansas City, Mo., with Society seal at top and Midwest Philatelic Society triangle stamp at bottom. Gummed, imperforate, black on orange.

2—Souvenir label, "Precancel Stamp Society, 10th Annual Convention, Berkeley, Calif., August 29th to Sept. 1, 1932. COME! Golden Gate Precancel Society seal at left. Blue on white, imperforated, gummed.

3—Stamp, vertical coil, for 1933 convention P. S. S. at Lockerbie Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 28-31, 1933. Rouletted top and bottom, gummed, blue on white.

4—Same, red on white.

5—Souvenir sheet similar to face of an addressed envelope for 12th convention P. S. S., Aug. 20-23, 1934, Hotel Sylvia, Phila, Pa., P. S. S. seal in upper left corner and symbolic postage stamp in upper right corner. Black on white, gummed, unperforated.

6—Souvenir stamp for 1935 (13th) annual convention P. S. S. Orange spot in center with "CHICAGO—1935" printed in large type. Black and orange, gummed, unperforated, white paper.

7—Same as above with additional inscription on central orange spot "Aug. 19 to 22 incl. Hotel Sherman.

8—Souvenir label, coil, horizontal. "P. S. S. Convention—Hotel Bond, Hartford, Conn. —August 1936—Host Clubs—Associated Precancel Stamp—Clubs of—New England. This is a coil, rouletted at right and left. Blue on white, gummed.

9—Souvenir label with seal of Twin City Precancel Club, P. S. S. Branch 1, in center. Inscribed at top "We want the 1937" and at bottom "P. S. S. Convention." Coil, rouletted at top and bottom, blue on white, gummed.

10—Same, red on white.

11—Souvenir label, inscribed "P. S. S. Silver Jubilee Convention, Aug. 20-23, West Hotel, Minneapolis, Twin City Precancel Club. This is a coil, rouletted at left and right. Blue on white, gummed.

12—Die Cut seal, convention label for 1938 P. S. S. Convention at St. Louis, Mo. Printed in blue from a reverse plate on white paper, making all the lettering show in white. Seal of Society in center. Gummed.

13—Souvenir label inviting P. S. S. Convention to St. Louis in 1938. St. Louis Bear stamp in upper left corner and overprinted in red. "St. Louis, Mo." Black and red on blue, gummed, unperforated.

14—Souvenir label inviting P. S. S. convention to Boston for 1939. Double line frame with inscription "Precancel Stamp Society — welcome — to Boston 1939 — A 'world's fair' of—precancels!—Boston Precancel—Stamp Club." This is the first printing in red on white, gummed, unperforated.

15—Similar to above. Single line frame, same inscription, red on white, gummed, unperforated.

• A former American school teacher appears on one of France's latest commemoratives,—Georges Clemenceau. So says the *New York Times*, for the former statesman once taught French at a girls' school in Stamford, Conn.

• **For the International Philatelic Exhibition to be held in the Palace of Fine Arts at Mexico City in February, 1940, the Mexican government will issue special stamps, possibly souvenir sheets as well.**

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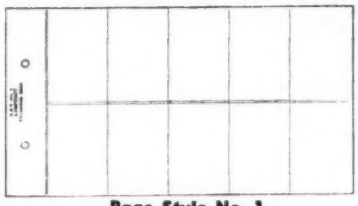

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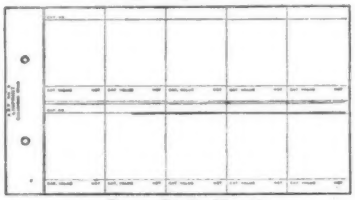

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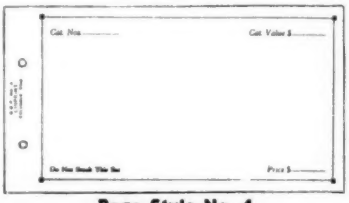

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